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In re the Application of

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A METHOD FOR FORMING A SINGLE CRYSTALLINE FILM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated January 30, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-23 remain pending in the application. Of these, claims 7-10 and 19 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant submits that the finality of the present rejections is improper because the present rejections were not necessitated by Applicant's amendment of the claims. The previous Office Action, dated June 25, 2003, rejected claims 1-6, 11-18, and 20-23 solely under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. The only amendments to the claims made in response to these